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Dear Joshua,

Thanks a lot for the comments on ~~###~~ Gordon Allen's ms., and the helpful suggestions regarding an outlet for publication. I'll pass your letter along to him.

You might be interested to know that we've been able, on the basis of your work with penicillin, to duplicate the effect of penicillin by growing a diaminopimelic auxotroph in the absence of DAP. Since this compound was ~~###~~ shown by work to be present in only the cell wall of bacteria, it is not surprising that this mutant produced prototrophs when grown with high sucrose concentration and no DAP. In addition, a variety of additional requirements were readily selected for by doing a "penicillin" expt. without benefit of penicillin.

~~ack~~ Liz and I definitely decided to spend most of our summers, so we've just bought a house. It is considerably more elegant than what we could have afforded to build for ourselves, but we got it at a good price. Also, it's easy to rationalize just a little more for this or that. Anyhow, next year we hope to be able to entertain you here in style.

We leave just before Labor Day, hoping that the baby will respect its obligation to be born a citizen of New ~~##~~ York -- at least, not of Rhode Island or Conn.!

Best to both of you.

*Ben*

*also Hypomelless.*